

FAST FACTS

A message for health care providers

2010-11 Influenza Prevention & Control Recommendations

Primary Changes and Updates in the 2010 ACIP Recommendations

1. Routine influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older who do not have a specific contraindication to the vaccine.
2. As in previous recommendations, all children 6 months through 8 years of age who have never received an influenza vaccine require 2 doses.
 - If a child 6 months through 8 years of age was immunized for the first time last season (2009-2010), and only received one dose, the child requires two doses this season.
 - For the 2010 – 2011 influenza season, children 6 months through 8 years of age who did not receive at least 1 dose of influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent vaccine should receive 2 doses of 2010 – 2011 seasonal influenza vaccine, regardless of previous influenza vaccination history.
 - Children 6 months through 8 years of age for whom the previous 2009 – 2010 seasonal or influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent vaccine history cannot be determined should receive 2 doses of a 2010 – 2011 seasonal influenza vaccine.
3. Antigens in the 2010 – 2011 seasonal trivalent inactivated and live attenuated vaccines include A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like, B/Brisbane/60/2008-like, and A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like, which was derived from the 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) virus.
4. An inactivated trivalent influenza vaccine (Fluzone High-Dose, sanofi pasteur) that contains an increased amount of influenza virus antigen compared with other inactivated influenza vaccines was licensed in 2009. ACIP recommends that all persons aged 65 years and older receive an inactivated 2010–11 seasonal influenza vaccination but has not expressed a preference for Fluzone High-Dose or any other inactivated influenza vaccine for use in persons aged 65 years and older.
5. Several inactivated influenza vaccines were approved by the FDA for expanded age indications in 2009. It is important to note that on August 5, 2010 the ACIP recommended that the 2010-11 formulation of Afluria be used only for persons aged 9 years and older. For more information go to www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip.

Resources

- Seasonal Flu Information for Health Professionals www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm
- Seasonal Flu Patient Education Materials www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm
- Seasonal Flu General Information www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm